

**Middletown Public Schools**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Thursday, December 20, 2012**

**Michael S. Pinto Conference Room**

**7:00 p.m. - Regular School Committee Meeting**

**Members Present:**

**Theresa Spengler, Chairman**

**Kellie DiPalma, Vice-Chairman**

**Liana Fenton**

**Paul Mankofsky**

**William O'Connell**

**Also Present:**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools**

**Linda Savastano, Assistant Superintendent**

**Raquel Pellerin, Business Manager**

**Edward Collins, Director of Facilities**

**The Regular School Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Administrative staff members present were Gail Abromitis,**

**Stephen Ponte, Michael Mancieri, and Michelle Fonseca.**

## **SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**No “Spotlight on Teaching and Learning” for December 20, 2012.**

## **PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

**Student Awards were given out in the following categories:**

- Newport Daily News Student of the Week**
- Newport Daily News Athlete of the Week**

**A short recess was taken.**

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**No “Student Activities” for December 20, 2012.**

## **INFORMATION**

**Mrs. Kraeger noted the following items of information:**

- Middletown Public Schools Athletic Hall of Fame Booklet
- Middletown Public Schools Sports Awards Booklet

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- Aquidneck School PTG Donation
- Attorney Benjamin Scungio's law firm donated to local food bank in honor of Middletown children.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**No "Correspondence" for December 20, 2012.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) William O'Connell. To approve the consent agenda with the minutes amended. Unanimous vote.**

- Approval of Minutes of November 26, 2012 School Committee Orientation
- Approval of Minutes of November 29, 2012 School Committee Meeting

•**Superintendent's Recommendation on Personnel**

•**Approval of the following vouchers:**

**Voucher Number Voucher Date Voucher Amount**

1146	11/21/2012	\$28,529.01
1145	11/21/2012	\$300.00
1151	11/26/2012	\$622,403.52
1152	11/27/2012	\$1,923.25
1162	11/29/2012	\$4,209.08
1160	11/29/2012	\$45,871.25
1153	11/29/2012	\$534.30
1165	11/30/2012	\$138,253.57
1164	11/30/2012	\$541.78
1163	11/30/2012	\$2,546.50
1166	12/4/2012	\$97,831.96
1167	12/5/2012	\$10,000.00
1172	12/6/2012	\$56,217.26
1169	12/6/2012	\$12.00
1168	12/6/2012	\$139.00
1174	12/7/2012	\$225.00
1173	12/7/2012	\$5,400.00
1175	12/10/2012	\$46,350.57
1179	12/11/2012	\$67,074.34
1178	12/11/2012	\$82,726.05
1177	12/11/2012	\$398.50
1176	12/11/2012	\$1,796.00

**Total Accounts Payable Vouchers \$1,213,282.94**

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL**

**APPOINTMENT AS OF JANUARY 2, 2013**

**Rurainy Sirois Data Support Teacher Assistant**

**RESIGNATION AS OF DECEMBER 21, 2012**

**Emanuel Almeida Part-Time Custodian, Facilities Department**

**RESIGNATION AS OF DECEMBER 24, 2012**

**Susan Jones 3-Hour Teacher Assistant, Aquidneck School**

**ADVISOR APPOINTMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2012**

**Liana Fenton US First Advisor**

**WINTER COACHING APPOINTMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 26, 2012**

**Vernon Lawrence Assistant Varsity Hockey**  
**Richard Francis Assistant Varsity Wrestling**

**VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 26,  
2012**

**Robert Lendrum Boys' Varsity Basketball**

**COACHING TRANSFER**

**Carlton Britzke From Assistant Varsity Wrestling to 6/7/8th Grade Wrestling**

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE**

**Stephen Tetzloff Facilities Department**  
**from approximately February 8, 2013 for three weeks.**

**EXTENSION OF FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE**

**Jeffrey Pine Facilities Department**

**The addition of December 10-14, 2012 and December 18-22, 2012**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**DISTRICT/SCHOOL OFFICE SUPPORT PERSONNEL – 2nd READING**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the District/School Office Support Personnel Policy – 2nd Reading. Unanimous vote.**

**ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST PROCEDURE – 2nd READING**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) William O’Connell. That the School Committee approve the Access to Public Records Request Procedure – 2nd Reading. Unanimous vote**

**HOME SCHOOLING APPROVALS**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve Home Schooling 12-13-08, 12-13-09, 12-13-10, and 12-13-11. unanimosu vote.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- M.H.S. Alumni Association Update – The group is applying for tax exempt status. Students are scanning all yearbooks from the past 50 years.**

- Committee Assignments for School Committee Members – Mr. O’Connell joined the Open Space Committee. Miss DiPalma will remain as an alternate. Mr. O’Connell was added to the Finance and Business Operations Committee.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2013-2014 Budget Timeline – The Town has requested a pre-budet consultation meeting on January 7th and would like the budget ready by the end of February. The budget needs to be adopted by February 28th. Meetings with principals will be set up. State Aid dollars are discouraging. At the January 7th meeting, predicted enrollment and staffing, facilities needs, and statement of expendutures need to be presented. The town needs to provide revenue projections to the school department. This meeting is required by law.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS**



**CURRICULUM – Visual Arts and Music Curriculum is being completed. This will be reviewed for approval at an upcoming School Committee Meeting. Work has begun on the Social Studies Curriculum. The grades 4-12 Scope and Sequence was reviewed. On January 7th, there will be Professional Development on common assessment work as it relates to common core state standards. Educator Evaluator work is continuing. Announced and unannounced observations are taking place.**

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**Mid-year conferences with evaluations will begin soon. The District Evaluation Committee is meeting monthly.**

**•FINANCIAL – Discussion will take place with building principals regarding the budget – what is encumbered and what is not. There will be a budget freeze starting in January. Reduction in Force will take place at the February 28th School Committee Meeting.**

**•FACILITIES – Mr. Collins reported that the electric contract is up the end of the year. The electric supply provider has been switched to TransCanada and we will be locked in for 18 months. The gas rate is under the current rate.**

•OTHER – When teams win State championships, the Boosters Club gives each player jackets or rings. Rather than giving books to each team member, it was proposed that the School Committee donate \$5 or \$10 per student to contribute to the jackets or rings.

As a result of tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, policies and procedures will be reviewed and updated. The School Resource Officer visits Middletown High School and J.H. Gaudet School. The Safety Advisory Committee will be reconvened and will have recommendations at the January meeting.

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee receive the Superintendent's Reports. Unanimous vote.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Miss DiPalma attended a Health and Wellness Committee Meeting. There are more changes to school lunch regulations with portion sizes and nutrition. Students have reported still being hungry after finishing lunch. There is a .6 increase in the reimbursement rate for school lunches.

Miss DiPalma, Mrs. Fenton and Mrs. Spengler attended School Committee 101. There was discussion around open meetings, access to public records, and testing.

Mr. Mankofsky attended a meeting at Bryant College regarding the acceleration of the funding formula. Middletown will lose

**\$135,000-150,000 per year for the next 6, 7, ten years. This needs to be conveyed to the public and the Town Council.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To extend the meeting past 9:00 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**Mrs. Kraeger, Mrs. Spengler, Mr. Mankofsky, and Ms. Pellerin attended an audit meeting with the Town Council. The final draft was reviewed. Final approval will be next week. School Committee Members requested language clarification.**

**Mrs. Kraeger, Mrs. Spengler, and Miss DiPalma Town Council Member Chris Semonelli began the monthly meetings with the Town Council leadership and Town Administrator. The goal is to keep communication open.**

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**ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from the School Committee Meeting at 9:10 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk**